EXHIBIT B.12

Missouri Department of
HEALTH

John Ashcroft
Governor

Robert Harmon, M.D.
Director

Dear _____:

The Missouri Department of Health, in cooperation with the United States Public Health Service, is conducting a Women's Health Study in the state of Missouri. The purpose of the study is to learn more about the factors that affect health in the state of Missouri.

Your tenant at _____ will be asked to participate in this study. As part of this project, we would like to send a field technician to the above address. The purpose of this visit is to leave two small (2" in diameter) radon detectors in this residence for one year.

Radon is an odorless and colorless gas which is associated with a small increase in the risk of lung cancer. This visit and placement of the radon detectors is a free service offered by the Missouri Department of Health for those households which are participating in the study.

As landlord, we are requesting your permission to leave these detectors in this household. By participating, you will be helping us to learn more about radon levels in selected homes in the state of Missouri.

Once the detectors have been collected, a copy of the results will be sent to you. As with all information collected for this study, the results of the test will remain confidential.

Your participation in this project is voluntary. Radon detectors will be left only with your permission. Please complete the enclosed reply form and return it in the self-addressed envelope provided.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Patsy Henderson, Project Coordinator, toll-free, at 1-800-444-5234.

Sincerely,

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